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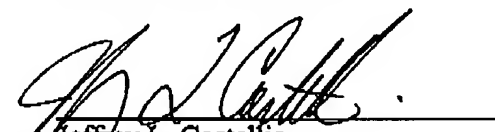
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006, Applicants hereby elect without traverse, Group I, namely, claims 1-7, drawn to a thin-sheet mask having a pattern opening, classified in class 118, subclass 720.

Claims 8-16 are canceled without prejudice to file a divisional application directed thereto. Further, new claims 17-28 are added to recite additional features to which Applicants are entitled. These claims should be considered appropriate for consideration with Group I. As a result, claims 1-7 and 17-28 are pending in the instant application.

Consideration and allowance of the instant application are now respectfully requested.

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